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- A strong storm caused power outages to over 330,000 customers throughout the Northeast. There were also reports of overflowing dams, weather-related traffic accidents, and a damaged elementary school roof. – *Reuters* (See item [2](#))
- A new spearphishing campaign is targeting directors, vice presidents, and other top management of companies in the aerospace and defense industry and the U.S. government via a malicious .PDF file, which, once opened, creates a permanent backdoor and exfiltrates data from the victim's computer. – *Help Net Security* (See item [4](#))
- The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged five former Cay Clubs Resorts and Marinas executives for allegedly defrauding investors of more than \$300 million. – *Reuters* (See item [11](#))
- The U.S. Department of State warned American citizens in Turkey to be cautious after a suicide bomber detonated himself inside the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, killing one and injuring another. – *New York Times* (See item [26](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *January 31, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Mississippi River oil spill cleanup limits barge traffic.** A limited number of vessels were allowed to move through a part of the Mississippi River January 31 as the Coast Guard conducted a test run. Workers began pumping oil from a leaking barge onto a different barge January 30 in order to assist in the cleanup process.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/31/mississippi-river-oil-spill_n_2587902.html
2. *January 31, Reuters* – (National) **Rain, high winds knock out power in U.S. Northeast.** A strong storm caused power outages to over 330,000 customers throughout the Northeast. There were also reports of overflowing dams, weather-related traffic accidents, and a damaged elementary school roof.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/01/31/us-usa-weather-idUSBRE90T0WG20130131>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *January 31, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Decimated Ga. plant a symbol of storm's power.** The Daiki Corp. steel manufacturing plant in Adairsville was heavily damaged by a tornado January 30 and will take several months to return to full service.
Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/01/31/2456676/2-dead-after-storms-rake-south.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *January 31, Help Net Security* – (National) **Aerospace and defense firms targeted with clever spear phishing.** A new spearphishing campaign is targeting directors, vice presidents, and other top management of companies in the aerospace and defense

industry and the U.S. government via a malicious .PDF file, which, once opened, creates a permanent backdoor and exfiltrates data from the victim's computer.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2393

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *January 31, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **2 convicted in \$250 million tax fraud scheme.** Two California men who formerly operated the Old Quest Foundation were convicted for filing at least 37 false tax claims, seeking to defraud the federal government of more than \$250 million.
Source: <http://www.pe.com/business/business-headlines/20130131-banking-2-convicted-in-250-million-tax-fraud-scheme.ece>
6. *January 31, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **4 charged in alleged NJ mortgage fraud scheme.** Four men were arrested in New Jersey for their alleged role in a \$15 million mortgage fraud scheme involving developer kickbacks.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/4-charged-in-alleged-NJ-mortgage-fraud-scheme-4240481.php>
7. *January 31, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Pennsylvania) **Pittsburgh jury finds Florida broker guilty in \$100 million mortgage fraud scheme.** A federal jury found the former operator of First Capital Home Equity guilty of wire fraud and conspiracy relating to a mortgage fraud scheme that he and others undertook to obtain more than \$100 million in loans.
Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/pittsburgh-jury-finds-florida-broker-guilty-in-100-million-mortgage-fraud-scheme>
8. *January 31, South Florida Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Boca McDonald's employee stole customer credit card information, police say.** A worker at a McDonald's restaurant in Boca Raton was charged with skimming customer credit card information. Police said the man admitted to skimming 30-70 cards per day.
Source: http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2013-01-31/news/fl-boca-mcdonalds-scammer-arrest-20130131_1_credit-card-boca-raton-police-twitter-ejkomenda
9. *January 31, Roseville Patch* – (California) **'Bad Hatter Bandit' wanted for bank robberies in Roseville, Natomas.** The FBI and local authorities sought the public's help in identifying the "Bad Hatter Bandit", who has robbed three banks in the Sacramento area.
Source: <http://roseville-ca.patch.com/articles/bad-hatter-bandit-wanted-for-bank-robberies-in-roseville-natomas>
10. *January 31, Memphis Commercial Appeal* – (Tennessee) **DeSoto County construction firm owner, mayor associate indicated on bank fraud.** A Southhaven contractor was charged with bank fraud for allegedly submitting false information to obtain a \$5 million loan.

Source: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2013/jan/31/desoto-county-construction-firm-owner-davis-on/>

11. *January 30, Reuters* – (National) **Former Florida real estate executives charged in Ponzi scheme.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged five former Cay Clubs Resorts and Marinas executives for allegedly defrauding investors of more than \$300 million.

Source: http://newsandinsight.thomsonreuters.com/Securities/News/2013/01_January/Former_Florida_real_estate_executives_charged_in_Ponzi_scheme/

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Transportation Sector

12. *February 1, Associated Press* – (Indiana; Michigan) **2 children, 1 adult die in Detroit freeway pileups.** Low-visibility driving conditions January 31 led to a series of car crashes along Interstate 75 in Detroit, U.S. 23 in Flint, and Interstate 94 in Paw Paw. Interstate 70 in Indianapolis also experienced accident pileups January 31.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/2-children-1-adult-die-detroit-freeway-pileups-185114727.html>

13. *February 1, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Fiery crash kills two, hurts two on Interstate 30 in Grand Prairie.** An accident on Interstate 30 in Grand Prairie shut down the eastbound lanes for over 4 hours.

Source: <http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/2013/02/fiery-crash-kills-two-hurts-two-on-interstate-30-in-grand-prairie.html/>

14. *February 1, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Multiple injuries reported after Lynx bus, vehicle crash.** Six passengers on a Lynx bus were hospitalized after the bus collided with a car in Orlando.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-lynx-bus-crash-orlando-20130201,0,895688.story>

15. *February 1, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Six tractor-trailers, four cars involved in crashes that closed Interstate 81 between LaFayette and Tully.** Interstate 81 between Tully and LaFayette was closed in both directions February 1 for at least 2 hours after at least four cars and six tractor-trailers were involved in a crash.

Source: http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2013/02/reports_of_multiple_vehicle_ac.html

16. *January 31, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Storms knock out power, cause flooding and damage homes in Va.** A storm that brought flooding and high winds closed more than 400 roads in Virginia January 31. Storm damage also condemned four apartment buildings, affected Richmond's water supply, and caused a dam failure warning.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/storms-knock-out-power-cause-flooding-and-damage-homes-in-va/2013/01/31/933835c0-6bf8-11e2-8f4f-2abd96162ba8_story.html

17. *January 31, Santa Rosa Press Democrat* – (California) **Chemical spill closes Fountain Grove Parkway in Santa Rosa.** Pool chemicals that spilled from a truck and caused a vapor cloud on the Fountain Grove Parkway in Santa Rosa caused the road to be closed, creating major delays during rush hour.

Source:

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20130131/ARTICLES/130139937/1033/news?Title=Driver-sought-in-Fountaingrove-Parkway-spill&tc=ar>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *February 1, Associated Press; KING-TV 5 Seattle* – (Washington) **11 more Moses Lake cows positive for bovine tuberculosis (TB).** An additional 11 cows at a Washington farm tested positive for bovine tuberculosis, and authorities assured the public that no meat entered the food supply and milk remains safe due to pasteurization.
Source: http://www.necn.com/02/01/13/11-more-Moses-Lake-cows-positive-for-bov/landing_nation.html
19. *January 31, WAGA 5 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Storm damages Georgia chicken farm.** Extreme weather in Georgia destroyed eight buildings at a chicken farm, including several chicken coops.
Source: <http://www.myfoxatlanta.com/story/20884169/storm-damages-gordon-co-chicken-farm>
20. *January 31, New York Times* – (New York) **Fish toxin cited as cause of poisonings in 2010 and 2011.** A newly released report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cited ciguatera, a foodborne illness resulting from a toxin most commonly found in coral reef fish such as barracuda, grouper, snapper, amberjack, and surgeonfish, as the cause of 28 poisonings in the New York City metropolitan area between August 2010 and July 2011.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/01/nyregion/toxic-fish-caused-food-poisoning-outbreaks-report-says.html>

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Water Sector

21. *January 31, River Bend Telegraph* – (Illinois) **Glen Carbon water main break isolated.** A January 29 water main break near a distribution facility shut down 38 restaurants, leaked 2 million gallons of water, and caused a water outage into the weekend.
Source: http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/local/article_36c22f34-6bf9-11e2-88ac-0019bb30f31a.html
22. *January 31, WSET 13 Lynchburg* – (Virginia) **Residents stop, see Staunton River rising in Altavista.** Rising storm water threatened a wastewater treatment plant, a water treatment facility, and a hydroelectric dam in Altavista. Water levels were the highest they have been in 10 years and also endanger road access near the river.
Source: <http://www.wset.com/story/20912763/residents-stop-see-staunton-river-rising-in-altavista>
23. *February 1, Fort Worth Star-Telegram*– (Texas) **TCU sewage flowed into creek.** Thousands of gallons of sewage were accidentally funneled from a locker room adjacent to Texas Christian University's stadium into a drainage ditch nearby over the past 6 months. The ditch runs into the Trinity River.
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2013/01/31/4591609/tcu-sewage-flowed-into-creek.html>
24. *January 31, WSET 13 Lynchburg* – (Virginia) **Radford flooding: Worst city has seen in more than a decade.** Flooding in Radford crested at more than 21 feet, submerging part of a water treatment plant and triggering a water conservation notice.
Source: <http://www.wset.com/story/20929615/radford-flooding-worst-city-has-seen-in-more-than-a-decade>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. *February 1, River Falls Journal* – (Wisconsin) **RFMC notifies patients of information breach.** Police arrested a man suspected of stealing a laptop belonging to the River Falls Medical Clinic that was taken during the summer of 2012. Roughly 2,400 patients were notified of the breach that exposed their names, dates of birth, account information and in some cases Social Security numbers, home addresses, and phone numbers.
Source: <http://www.riverfallsjournal.com/event/article/id/104051/>

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Government Facilities Sector

26. *February 1, New York Times* – (International) **Suicide bombing at U.S. Embassy in Turkey kills guard.** The U.S. Department of State warned American citizens in Turkey to be cautious after a suicide bomber detonated himself inside the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, killing one and injuring another.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/02/world/europe/2-dead-in-suicide-bombing-at-us-embassy-in-turkey.html?_r=1&
27. *January 31, Reuters* – (Georgia) **Teenage student wounded in Atlanta school shooting.** A student and a teacher were injured January 31 when a shooter fired multiple shots outside of Prince Middle School in Atlanta. The suspect was immediately disarmed and arrested.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/01/31/us-usa-shooting-atlanta-idUSBRE90U18Y20130131>

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *February 1, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Police: Fake fire marshal bilked Lenox restaurants.** Atlanta police are searching for a man that posed as a fire marshal and took hundreds of dollars from three restaurants in Lenox Square. He conducted fake inspections and requested cash afterwards.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/police-fake-fire-marshall-bilked-lenox-restaurants/nWCqX/>
29. *February 1, Associated Press* – (National) **Coast Guard blames officer for deadly boat crash.** A report published January 31 by the U.S. Coast Guard recommends more training and risk management policies after a National Transportation Safety Board investigation into a 2009 crash caused by a San Diego Coast Guard boat operator that led to the death of a child.
Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/02/01/3304371/coast-guard-blames-officer-for.html>
30. *January 30, U.S. Coast Guard* – (Hawaii) **Coast Guard airplane lased, forced to land.** The crew of a Coast Guard airplane was forced to cut a training flight short and land the HC-130H aircraft when an individual with a laser pointer impaired the co-pilot's ability to fly the aircraft.
Source: <http://www.military.com/daily-news/2013/01/30/coast-guard-airplane-lased-forced-to-land.html?comp=7000023468292&rank=1>

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Information Technology Sector

31. *January 31, Softpedia* – (International) **Turkish hackers upload malicious browser extension to official Chrome web store.** Kaspersky discovered that hackers are attempting to distribute malicious browser extensions through the official Google Chrome store. Google is attempting to remove the malware; similar fake extensions have been found for Mozilla's Firefox browser.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Turkish-Hackers-Upload-Malicious-Browser-Extension-to-Official-Chrome-Web-Store-325708.shtml>
32. *January 31, Dark Reading* – (International) **Hacking the laptop docking station.** A researcher built a prototype piece of hardware that can be placed inside a laptop docking station to intercept digital, voice, and video data from the computer connected to it. He plans to present his findings at Black Hat Europe in February.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/mobile-security/167901113/security/client-security/240147566/hacking-the-laptop-docking-station.html.html>
33. *January 31, IDG News Service* – (International) **Email attack exploits vulnerability in Yahoo site to hijack accounts.** Bitdefender researchers found that a recent email attack campaign is utilizing a vulnerability in the Yahoo Web site to take over email accounts and use them to send spam emails.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/013113-email-attack-exploits-vulnerability-in-266317.html>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

34. *January 31, Wall Street Journal* – (International) **Chinese hackers hit U.S. media.** The Wall Street Journal revealed January 31 that Chinese hackers believed to be state-sponsored have conducted electronic surveillance Wall Street Journal reporters covering China and other issues, a day after the New York Times reported similar

attacks.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323926104578276202952260718.html>

35. *January 31, Austin American-Statesman* – (Texas) **Fire damages apartments in Northeast Austin complex.** An apartment fire in Austin displaced 50 people, damaged 24 units, and injured a firefighter after he fell from the building. The cause of the fire was not known.

Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/news/fire-damages-apartments-in-northeast-austin-comple/nWCZn/>

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